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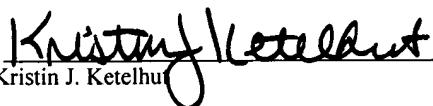
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- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form 1449 with cited references
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed to cover the filing fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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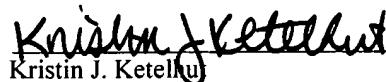
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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

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PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Docket No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
*C1037.70053US01	11/061,140	February 18, 2005	Lipford et al.
*C1039.70044US01	11/056,463	February 11, 2005	Hartmann et al.
*C1039.70048US16	11/031,460	January 7, 2005	Krieg et al.
*C1039.70048US17	11/036,527	January 14, 2005	Krieg et al.
*C1041.70041US01	10/982,193	November 5, 2004	Bauer et al.

\*a copy of this reference is not provided as the Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent application filed after June 30, 2003 and for applications filed before June 30, 2003, or that entered the national stage before June 30, 2003, if they are scanned to Image File Wrapper system and are available on Private PAIR.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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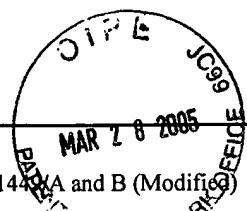
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		WO	02/28428	A2	Aventis Pasteur	04-11-2002	Y- Abstract Only

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